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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Official Action dated March 16, 2005, in which pending claims 1-78 were subjected to election, Applicants provisionally elect Species 1 as identified by the Examiner. As is set forth in detail below, this election is made with traverse.

Reconsideration of the requirement for election is respectfully requested in view of the following Remarks which begin on page 2 of this paper.